

## Message Text

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OCTOBER, 1977.

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1. STANDARD DWELLING IN UAE HAS TILED - NOT CARPETED - FLOORS.  
HOWEVER, AMOUNT OF CARPET USED HERE HAS BEEN GROWING. IN 1976  
CARPETING VALUED AT JUST OF \$2 MILLION WAS IMPORTED INTO ABU  
DHABI (EXCLUDING KNOTTED RUGS WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ANOTHER \$1 1/2  
MILLION.  
MAJOR SUPPLIERS WERE BELGIUM(40 PCT OF MARKET), UK  
(25 PCT), ROMANIA (8 PCT), AND USA (5 PCT).

2. MANY BUILDINGS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION HERE HAVE YET TO BE  
CARPETED (OR TILED). MOST OF THESE BUILDINGS ARE DUE FOR  
COMPLETION WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR. BUT AFTER MID-1978 ABU  
DHABI MARKET FOR CARPET IS LIKELY TO BE DEPRESSED BY RECENT  
DOWNTURN IN BUILDING STARTS.

3. EMB BELIEVES PROSPECTS FOR SWFF-TRAIN IN ABU DHABI ARE NOT  
SPECTACULAR BUT ARE NONETHELESS SUFFICIENTLY INTERESTING THAT  
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WE WOULD NOT DISCOURAGE FIRM'S PARTICIPATION IN MISSION.  
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